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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN ATTENDANCE AT OAU AND SADAT' S MEETING
WITH NIMAIRI

1. MAY 22 AKHBAR CONTAINS TWO EXCLUSIVE ARTICLES BEARING ON EGYPTIAN POLITICAL PLANS FOR NEXT WEEK. FIRST IS NOTE THAT GOE DELEGATION ACCOMPANYING SADAT TO OAU WILL BE COMPOSED OF VICE- PRESIDENT HUSSEIN AL- SHAFI' I, SADAT' S ADVISOR HAFEZ ISMAIL, FONMIN ZAYYAT, AND PRESIDENTIAL SPOKESMAN ASHRAF GHORBAL. ARTICLE STATES THAT VP SHAFI' I WILL HEAD EGYPTIAN DELEGATION AT OAU AFTER SADAT' S DEPARTURE FROM ADDIS ABABA MAY 26. (COMMENT: UNUSUALLY HIGH- LEVEL COMPOSITION OF EGYPTIAN DELEGATION IMPLIES THAT GOE HAS DECIDED TO PULL OUT ALL THE STOPS IN ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN A PRO- ARAB RESOLUTION AT OAU.)

2. AKHBAR HAS SEPARATE ARTICLE NOTING THAT SADAT' S SCHEDULED MEETING WITH NIMAIRI, WHICH WAS DUE TO TAKE
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PLACE IN ADDIS DURING OAU GATHERING, HAS BEEN POSTPONED TO LATER DATE. ARTICLE STATES THAT SADAT'S SCHEDULE DOES NOT PERMIT HIM TO REMAIN IN ADDIS BEYOND MORNING MAY 26, AND THAT NIMAIRI CANNOT DEPART KHARTOUM BEFORE THAT DATE BECAUSE OF HIS REQUIRED ATTENDANCE AT MAY REVOLUTION CEREMONIES IN SUDAN. ARTICLE CONCLUDES THAT NIMAIRI INVITED SADAT TO KHARTOUM FOLLOWING OAU MEETINGS, BUT THAT SADAT APOLOGIZED BECAUSE OF NEED FOR HIS " QUICK RETURN" TO CAIRO. (COMMENT: ARTICLE DOES FAIRLY GOOD JOB OF JUSTIFYING POSTPONEMENT OF SADAT/ NIMAIRI MEETING, BUT NEVERTHELESS SMELLS SOMEWHAT FISHY. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THERE HAS NOT BEE SUFFICIENT RESOLUTION OF OUTSTANDING DIFFERENCES BETWEEN EGYPT AND SUDAN FOR MEETING TO TAKE PLACE. IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE THAT ATMOSPHERE BETWEEN BOTH COUNTRIES MAY HAVE BEEN RECENTLY CLOUDED BY MAY 20 MUSA SABRI ARTICLE ON NIMAIRI, WHICH WE ARE REPORTING SEPARATELY.)
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